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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Indianapolis, Indiana

FILE NO. 44-85

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 3/3/43	REPORT MADE BY FRANK L. CHAPPLE
TITLE EDWARD H. ALLEN, EDWARDS; FRANK L. ALLEN, Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana.		CHARACTER OF CASE FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

EDWARDS employed as chief photographer for Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co., Evansville, Ind. In spring of 1942 he suggested that certain projection equipment was needed by his company and that he knew where some could be obtained. Bids were submitted by various companies among which was a bid by ROY A. ALLEN, New Albany, Ind. for the sum of \$410. EDWARDS authorized to purchase equipment best suited for needs of said company, and he selected equipment offered by ALLEN, although his bid was not the lowest. Purchase from ALLEN was made through purchase order #3369 dated 5/29/42 certified and approved by U. S. Navy Inspector 8/30/42. ALLEN received \$410 from Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co. 8/26/42 for said equipment and said company was reimbursed by the U. S. government. Said company is building ships for the U. S. Navy under a cost plus fixed fee contract. EDWARDS, however, was original purchaser of instant equipment for use on 5/25/40 paying about \$100 for same. EDWARDS and ALLEN former business associates at New Albany, Ind.

DETAILS

This investigation is based upon information received from Lieutenant J. L. BERRY who is in charge of the Naval Security Division at the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana, to the effect that EDWARDS had sponsored a purchase of projection equipment from subject ALLEN resulting, in his opinion, in a fraud against the United States Government.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

Lieutenant J. L. PRUSE advised that FRANK ALLYN EDWARDS had been employed by the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company at Evansville for about one and one-half years as chief photographer and in such capacity has the privilege of suggesting the purchase of necessary equipment which would best meet the needs of said company. It was in the spring of 1942 that EDWARDS suggested to the said company that they needed some projection equipment in order to best carry out work there at the shipyards and that he knew where he could buy the necessary equipment. As a result of this suggestion a request for bids was made from various companies selling projection equipment and among the bids was one received from ROY A. ALLEN, New Albany, Indiana. Other bids were received from the Walden, Inc., Evansville, Indiana; The Ampco Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; The Victor Animatograph Corporation, Eastport, Iowa; and The DeVry Corporation, Chicago, Illinois; and Smith and Butterfield, Evansville, Indiana.

Lieutenant PRUSE then went on to say that EDWARDS was given the authority to inspect the equipment offered by the bidders and to decide in his own opinion which equipment would best meet the needs of the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company; that EDWARDS did go over the bids and inspect the equipment and suggested that the projection outfit submitted by ROY A. ALLEN at New Albany, Indiana, would be the equipment which would best meet the needs of the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company; that the outfit would cost more than \$200 now and that the bid of \$410 as offered by ALLEN was very reasonable and he recommended the purchase of the equipment offered for sale by ALLEN.

The purchase order of the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division #3369 executed June 29, 1942, authorized the purchase of the equipment from ROY A. ALLEN and on June 30, 1942, J. B. PERRY, cost inspector for the United States Navy, certified and authorized the purchase of this equipment. The equipment was then obtained from ROY ALLEN, and he received a check for same in the amount of \$410 on August 26, 1942.

Lieutenant PRUSE further stated that the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company was later reimbursed by the United States government for the purchase of said equipment inasmuch as this equipment was to be used in the carrying out of the work which this company was doing for the United States Navy at the shipyards. Lieutenant PRUSE also stated that the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company is working under a cost plus fixed fee contract with the United States government in the building of ships for the United States Navy.

An examination of the bids submitted by the various companies according to Lieutenant PRUSE, disclosed that the bid of ROY ALLEN was not the lowest one. However, he went on to explain that he does not always purchase equipment submitted by the lowest bidder if it appears that the higher-priced equipment will best meet their needs.

Because of having some question as to the integrity of EDWARDS, Lieutenant PRUSE advised that he made some investigation into this matter and found that the equipment which was sold to the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company for the United States government was the same equipment sold to FRANK EDWARDS on May 25, 1940, by the Holmes Company, 1815 Orchard Street, Chicago, Illinois, for the wholesale price of \$277, retail price being \$415. Lt. PRUSE stated that he received this information directly from Mr. HOLMES.

The equipment obtained by EDWARDS from the Holmes Company for the sum of \$277 is as follows:

- 1 16 mm. Holmes Sound Movie Projector
- 1 High-Fidelity Amplifier
- 1 100-ft. Speaker Cord

The equipment purchased from ROY A. ALLEN for the sum of \$410 is as follows:

- 1 16 mm. Holmes Sound Moving Picture Projector
- 1 High-Fidelity Amplifier
- 1 100-ft. Speaker Cord
- 1 Jensen Heavy-duty Dynamic Speaker
- 1 Case for Amplifier and Speaker
- 1 Electric Phonograph Turntable with Pick-up Arm
- 1 Craig Splicing Outfit

According to Lt. PRUSE, the last four items were valued as follows:

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| 1 Jensen Heavy-duty Dynamic Speaker | \$35 |
| 1 Case for Amplifier and Speaker | 6 |
| 1 Electric Phonograph Turntable with Pickup Arm | 30 |
| 1 Craig Splicing Outfit | 15 |

Lt. PRUSE then went on to say that he has obtained information to the effect that EDWARDS and ALLEN were formerly business associates in New Albany, Indiana, and that they possibly were together at the time EDWARDS originally purchased instant equipment.

Lt. PRUSE further disclosed from EDWARDS' application for employment with said shipyards that EDWARDS did name as the supervisor or person best acquainted with his work, ROY ALLEN, New Albany, Indiana. Records maintained by Lt. PRUSE disclose that ROY A. ALLEN resides at 217 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana. Lt. PRUSE advised that upon becoming acquainted with the irregularities in the purchase of said projection equipment from ROY ALLEN through the recommendation of FRANK EDWARDS he by letter written sometime in

January, 1943, revoked the approval of the purchase order #3369 dated June 25, 1942.

He stated that although ALLEN had been paid by the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company and the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company had been reimbursed by the United States government for the purchase of said equipment, Lieutenant PRUSE planned to deduct the sum of \$410.00 from the amount of money which would be next due the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company.

The records of Lieutenant PRUSE disclosed the following description of FRANK ALLEN EDWARDS:

Age	33 (Born Mattson, Illinois, 8/4/09)
Height	5'
Weight	210
Color	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Marital status	Married
Occupation	Photographer
Address	815 Jackson St., Evansville, Ind.
Telephone	2-1021
Social Security No.	314-17-7710

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Date:

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To:

April 11, 1943

SAC, Indianapolis

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

FRANK ALLYN EDWARDS; ROY A. ALLEN;
Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company,
Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana;
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
Evans L. Chappela, dated March 3, 1943, at Indianapolis,
Indiana.

The Bureau is now in receipt of a memorandum dated
April 5, 1943, from the War Frauds Unit of the Department
advising that this matter has been assigned to Mr. B. Howard
Caughran, United States Attorney at Indianapolis, Indiana.

It is suggested that you contact Mr. Caughran and
conduct whatever investigation he may desire in this matter.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. McGuire _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mrs. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

146-31-346-17

April 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Re: Frank Allyn Edwards, Ray A. Allen;
Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company;
Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana;
Fraud Against the Government

Please refer to a report dated March 3, 1943 made by Evans L. Chapple of your Indianapolis, Indiana office entitled as above.

This matter has been referred to Mr. E. Howard Cauffman, United States Attorney at Indianapolis, for such attention as he deems appropriate. I shall appreciate it if you will direct your local office at that point to make any investigation that may be requested of you by Mr. Chapple.

Don C. Clark
DON C. CLARK
Assistant Attorney General

FOR DEFENSE



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

FILE NO. **46-85**

<p>REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 8/13/43</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/10, 14, 6/9; 7/22, 23/43</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY JOHN T. MCCARRIE</p>
<p>TITLE FRANK ALLEN EDWARDS; ROY A. ALLEN, Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana.</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS Subject EDWARDS at Indianapolis until June 1943. Employed as promoter in State War Bond Drive and attempted to open amusement park. Believed to be presently residing with subject ALLEN in Beverly Hills, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Bureau file number 46-3505; Bureau letter dated April 13, 1943; Report of Special Agent EVANS L. CHAPPLE dated March 3, 1943 at Indianapolis, Indiana.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: At Indianapolis, Indiana. Under date of April 21, 1943 United States Attorney B. HOWARD CAUGHERAN of the Southern District of Indiana, Indianapolis, advised this office by letter that, in accordance with a letter received by him under date of April 5, 1943 from Honorable WENDELL BERGE, Assistant Attorney-General, he was making request of this office to interview the two subjects in this case regarding the charges contained in the reference report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEFERRED BY RECORDS</p> <p>At Evansville, Indiana.</p> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent EVANS L. CHAPPLE on May 10, 1943. Confidential Informant T-1 advised that subject EDWARDS at the</p>			
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present time was a member of the Publicity Staff for the War Bond Drive in the State of Indiana, working out of Indianapolis. Informant believed that EDWARDS could be contacted either at the Warren Hotel, Indianapolis, or through HOWARD TOOLEY, Special Events Director, War Bond Drive, Illinois Building, Indianapolis.

At New Albany, Indiana.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent GEORGE R. FLEICHER on May 14, 1943. THOMAS G. JACKSON, United States Commissioner for the Southern District of Indiana at New Albany, Indiana, advised that he personally knew both subjects, stating that they formerly were in radio promotion and carnival publicity activities in the New Albany area. EDWARDS' local address was 1515 East Main Street, New Albany and the address of ALLEN's father was 2017 East Spring Street, New Albany. After making a check Informant advised that subject ALLEN was presently residing at 434 North Oakland Drive, Beverly Hills, California and that EDWARDS was presently engaged in the operation of an advertising concession at Broadripple Amusement Park, Indianapolis, and was reported to be residing at 4349 Carrollton Avenue, Indianapolis.

At Indianapolis, Indiana.

HOWARD TOOLEY, Special Events Director, Indiana War Bond Drive, 916 Illinois Building, Indianapolis, advised that subject EDWARDS had been engaged in publicity matters for the drive for a period of several weeks prior to May 1, 1943 but had quit the work as a result of a disagreement between subject EDWARDS and other members of the staff. He advised that he did not know EDWARDS' present whereabouts, but recalled a comment to the effect that EDWARDS was in some way connected with Broadripple Amusement Park.

EVERETT BABCOCK, Manager of Broadripple Amusement Park, Indianapolis, advised that he knew EDWARDS through the latter's contacting him during the months of April and May 1943 regarding the opening of Broadripple Park. EDWARDS, according to Informant, had grandiose schemes for the making of a fortune through operation of park concessions which had been closed for several years and still are.

EDWARDS unsuccessfully attempted to get the owner of the park, OSCAR BAIR of the Terre Haute Brewing Company, Terre Haute, Indiana, to invest money in revamping the concessions. After giving up this project EDWARDS attempted to get a job as announcer or publicity agent for radio station WIBC, Indianapolis, which Informant understood was also without success. Informant advised that he had not seen EDWARDS since June 1, 1943, but that he had been residing at 4349 Carrollton Avenue during his negotiations at Broadripple Park.

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Mrs. MARY E. HADLEY, 4349 Carrollton Avenue, Indianapolis, advised that subject EDWARDS had been renting a room at her home for eight to nine weeks prior to June 20, 1943, having left on the latter date and gave his forwarding address as 434 North Oakhurst, Beverly Hills, California. He stated that he was going to California to contact a friend and obtain a position in the motion picture industry in which industry he claimed to have had previous employment several years ago.

Mrs. HADLEY knew of no other activities of the subject other than his efforts to open Broadripple Park and also to obtain a job at radio station WIBC.

It is noted that the address left by subject EDWARDS is apparently the same as that obtained as the present address for subject ALLEN.

B. F. KEITH, Managing Director, Radio Station WIBC, 350 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, informed that subject EDWARDS had on several occasions prior to June 10 or 15, 1943 attempted to obtain a position with station WIBC as publicity director and radio announcer and entertainer without success. KEITH stated that he had last seen EDWARDS during the first part of June 1943 and at that time EDWARDS told him he was engaged in opening the Broadripple Amusement Park.

Informant had no idea as to his present whereabouts and advised that if he discovered where EDWARDS was presently residing he would advise the Indianapolis Field Division immediately.

Confidential Informant E-2 advised that subject EDWARDS had moved from 4349 Carrollton Avenue on or before June 26, 1943 and had left no forwarding address.

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ENCLOSURE TO LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

One copy of report of Special Agent EVANS L. CHAPPEL dated March 3, 1943 at Indianapolis, Indiana.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Beverly Hills, California.

Will attempt to locate subjects at 434 North Oakland or 434 Oakhurst Drive, Beverly Hills, and interview them with reference to the sale of projection equipment parts to the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, Evansville, Indiana on or about June 29, 1943 as indicated in the reference report.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At Indianapolis, Indiana

Will conduct further necessary investigation upon receipt of report from the Los Angeles Field Division.

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INDEX TO INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant T-1

LT. J. L. PRUSE, in charge of
Naval Security Division, Missouri
Valley Bridge and Iron Company,
Shipbuilding Division, Evansville,
Indiana. LT. PRUSE because of
his connection with Naval Security
is being carried as a Confidential
Informant.

Confidential Informant T-2

ROBERT P. PONTON, Clerk,
Inquiry Section,
Main Post Office,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
Mr. PONTON because of his
confidential connection with
the post office department and
the nature of the information
disclosed is being carried as
a Confidential Informant.

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Date:

August 19, 1943

To:

SAC, Indianapolis

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

FRANK ALLYN EDWARDS; ROY A. ALLEN
Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company,
Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Coffey

Mr. Hendon

Mr. Jones

Mr. Quinn

Mr. Nease

Mr. Gurnea

Miss Gandy

Bureau letter dated April 13, 1943 suggested that you contact
Mr. F. Howard Caughran, United States Attorney at Indianapolis and
conduct investigation in accordance with his desires.

Will advise the Bureau as to the present status of such

investigation.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

FOR THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At New Albany, Indiana, will interview subject, FRANK ALLEN EDWARDS to obtain complete details in connection with the purchase of the motion picture projector by Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company from ROY A. ALLEN. Mr. EDWARDS may be located at 1515 East Main Street, New Albany, Indiana.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

INDIANAPOLIS

FILE NO.

46-451

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/22/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21/43	REPORT MADE BY GRANT C. EARL (A)
TITLE FRANK ALLEN EDWARDS; ROY A. ALLEN, Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana.			CHARACTER OF CASE FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <div style="float: left; width: 20%; font-style: italic;"> 12 10/23/43 </div> <div style="float: right; width: 80%;"> Subject ALLEN advised that the motion picture projector sold to Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company was one he and subject EDWARDS had originally owned; that in 1942 subject EDWARDS made a trip to Los Angeles, and borrowed \$200.00 from subject ALLEN; that in payment of this debt he gave subject ALLEN his one half interest in the motion picture projector and equipment. Subject ALLEN states that subject EDWARDS did not receive any of the money which he received for the projector. </div> <div style="clear: both;"></div>			
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REFERENCE: Bureau file 46-3505; Report of Special Agent JOHN T. MC CARRIER, August 13, 1943, Indianapolis.			
DETAILS: <u>AT BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA:</u> ROY A. ALLEN was interviewed at his home, 434 Oakhurst Drive, Beverly Hills, California, and advised as follows: That he was employed by the Wallacewood Photographer, 524 Canon Drive, Beverly Hills, California; that subject EDWARDS was presently residing at 1515 East Main Street in New Albany, Indiana, and was reportedly employed by the Office of Price Administration. With respect to the motion picture projector which he sold to Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, ALLEN advised that this equipment had been originally owned by both he and EDWARDS; each had one half interest in the projector and equipment; that			
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EDWARDS had made a trip to Los Angeles in the early part of 1942 and had borrowed \$200.00 from ALLEN and upon returning from Los Angeles, when he, EDWARDS, was unable to repay the \$200.00, he had given subject ALLEN his one half interest in the projector and equipment. Continuing, ALLEN related that after returning from Los Angeles subject EDWARDS secured employment with the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company and shortly thereafter advised him that the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company desired to purchase a projector for use in teaching the employees of their company. In this connection, subject ALLEN states that subject EDWARDS picked up the projector and took it to the place of business of Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, where it was used for about a month. He relates that when subject ALLEN asked what he would take for the projector and equipment, he advised that he wanted \$410.00; that shortly thereafter he received a check from the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, in the amount of \$410.00, which was in payment for the projector and accessories. This check was deposited, according to ALLEN, in his account at the bank located in Clearfield, Utah. He denies that any of the \$410.00 was given to subject EDWARDS.

Subject ALLEN advised that as nearly as he can recall, the original purchase price of the projector and equipment was \$350.00; that the selling price of \$410.00 was believed to be reasonable by him because he was advised that Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company were unable to obtain equipment elsewhere. Subject ALLEN concluded by advising that he and subject EDWARDS had been in business together in New Albany, Indiana from about 1938 until the early part of 1942, when their business relationship was discontinued prior to subject EDWARDS' trip to Los Angeles.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

INDIANAPOLIS

FILE NO. 46-25

REPORT MADE AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	DATE WHEN MADE 12/10/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/26/45	REPORT MADE BY DONALD W. CRASE
TITLE FRANK EDWARD EDWARDS; ROY A. ALLEN; Missouri Valley Bridge Iron Company, Shipbuilding Division, Evansville, Indiana			CHARACTER OF CASE FRAUD AGAINST THE OVERSEAS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject EDWARDS interviewed and advised he owns no part of equipment at time it was sold to Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company. Admits having been in partnership with ALLEN, but claims ALLEN took share in equipment as part payment of a cash debt. Claims no conclusion.

REFERENCE:

Bureau File 46-1305
Report of Special Agent JOHN T. MCCARRIER dated August 15, 1943, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

DETAILS:

at New Albany, Indiana:

The following is a report of a joint investigation of the writer and Special Agent WILLIAM R. CURTIS.

On October 26, 1943, subject EDWARDS was interviewed and advised that in regard to the instant equipment, he and ALLEN had bought the equipment new from the Holmes Company as a partnership purchase, using this equipment as part of an advertising scheme in public parks in Jeffersonville and New Albany, Indiana. EDWARDS advised that ALLEN cost about \$160.00 in the deal and that he had paid for the remainder.

He said, however, that at one time or another he had borrowed considerable money from ALLEN and that some time in 1942, he did not know exactly when, being short

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of cash he had given his share in the equipment to ALLEN and ALLEN had accepted same as part payment of the debt.

EDWARDS advised that at the time the equipment was being bought by the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company, he had recommended a Holmes projector because it was his honest belief that it was the best type of projector available for the type of work desired. He added that a real attempt was made to purchase a new Holmes projector. However, it was learned that new equipment was not available from the Holmes Company, and consequently EDWARDS said that he wrote to ALLEN asking whether the equipment was for sale. He received a letter from ALLEN saying that if EDWARDS really needed it, he would sell it to him.

EDWARDS emphatically denied that there had been any collusion between him and ALLEN and stated that ALLEN was not particularly anxious to sell the equipment but did so merely as a favor to EDWARDS.

On December 3, 1943, this case was again discussed with United States Attorney E. HOWARD GAUGHERAN, who advised that he would decline prosecution inasmuch as there was too little difference between the price charged the Missouri Valley Bridge and Iron Company for the equipment and the amount of money invested in the equipment originally and also that there was no evidence of collusion between EDWARDS and ALLEN.

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For your information, the Bureau is in receipt of an anonymous communication, postmarked October 3, 1950, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, copies of which are attached.

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